

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has received any request in the recent past to conduct Children Parliament;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct such programme to create awareness among the teachers and students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds earmarked for the purpose during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d) No specific request on this subject has been received in the recent past. However, with a view to inculcate democratic values and disseminate knowledge on the working of parliamentary institutions among the student community, four schemes of 'Youth Parliament Competitions' are being implemented. These are : 'Youth Parliament Competition Scheme for Recognized Educational Institutions in the National Capital Territory of Delhi' ; 'National Youth Parliament Competition Scheme for Kendriya Vidyalayas'; 'National Youth Parliament Competition Scheme for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas' and 'National Youth Parliament Competition Scheme for Universities/Colleges'. In addition to the above four schemes, financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs. 2 lakhs per annum is being extended to the States/Union Territories for conducting similar 'Youth Parliament Competitions' in their educational institutions.

(e) No separate fund has been earmarked for Youth Parliament Scheme in the Budget for the current year. However, funds to the extent of Rs. 30 lakhs have been provided under the head "Other Charges" for the year 2007-08. Expenditure on Youth Parliament Schemes is met from this head.